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SUBJECT:PROPOSED VISIT BY JOHN PATRICK, USDA AGRICULTURE
SPECIALIST

REF: NEELEY-NOVOTNY LETTER OF JUNE 3

DURING SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, USDA WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE JOHN PATRICK USDA/FAS ECONOMIST SPEND APPROXI-
MATELY THREE WEEKS ON TDY VISIT TO USLO PEKING. EXACT
TIMING AND DETAILS CAN BE DISCUSSED DURING AG OFFICER
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON IN JULY. PURPOSE OF THIS
TRAVEL WOULD BE TO VISIT, PERHAPS TOGETHER WITH AG OFFICER,
COMMUNES OR OTHER POINTS OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST OUTSIDE
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PEKING, SUCH AS TRAVEL THROUGH MAJOR GRAIN OR RICE PRODU-
CING AREAS DURING THE HARVEST PERIOD. OTHER AREAS OF
INTEREST WOULD BE (1) SYSTEMATIC VISITS TO FOOD MARKETS IN
VARIOUS CITIES, AND (2) COMMUNES WHICH STRESS HOG AND
POULTRY PRODUCTION.

IN ADDITION TO TRAVEL ASPECT, TRIP WOULD AFFORD OPPOR-

TUNITY FOR CONSULTATION WITH USLO OFFICERS, AND OTHER
FOREIGN AGRICULTURE REPRESENTATIVES, AS APPROPRIATE,
REGARDING CURRENT CHINESE GRAIN SITUATION.

LIAISON OFFICE CONCURRENCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SO THAT
AFTER AG OFFICER ARRIVES FAS/W AND TRAVEL DATES ARE
CONFIRMED, VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE INITIATED
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